

Memorandum

To: Planning Commission

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Subject: **Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Amendments for Retail Marijuana**

Background

The Planning Commission began discussion of proposed Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code amendments for retail marijuana on January 20, 2016. This started with a privately-initiated amendment requested by The Grass is Always Greener, LLC. The Technical Committee recommended amendments would revise policy LU-62 regarding the Manufacturing Park zone, and make several changes to the Zoning Code which would create a zoning overlay in a portion of the Manufacturing Park zone in the Sammamish Valley Neighborhood, allow retail marijuana stores in this area, set development standards for retail marijuana, and other related changes.

At the January 20 meeting, staff gave an overview of the proposed amendments to the Commission. Commissioners identified several issues which are included on the enclosed issues matrix. At the January 27 meeting, the Commission conducted the public hearing. Afterward, the Commission closed the public hearing for oral comment and kept it open for written comment.

Preparation for February 10 Study Session

The purpose of the February 10 study session is to determine if any additional issues should be added to the issues matrix and to begin to discuss and resolve issues as noted on the enclosed issues matrix. Please continue to review the Technical Committee Report provided on January 8, the supplemental information provided including public comments sent to the Planning Commission and City Council, and public testimony from the public hearing. You can access the video of the public hearing on the City's website at <http://www.redmond.gov/ondemand>.

The Technical Committee Report and other information provided to the Planning Commission is available online at <http://redmond.gov/Government/BoardsCommissions/PlanningCommission/TopicsUnderReview>. Please also review the enclosed issues matrix.

Please contact Jason Rogers with any questions.

Review Schedule

Staff anticipates that the Commission may make a recommendation to the City Council on February 17, 2016. City Council review and action would follow afterward.

Enclosures

Issue Matrix for February 10, 2016

Public Comments received between January 28 and February 4, 2016